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May 28, 2023 – Pentecost

Worship Leader: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Choir**
Cantors: Pete Dennis, Elissa Cundy **Reader:** Ann Farebrother

We extend a warm welcome to our Knox community – to those who are tuning in to the livestream service from home or away, and to those who are gathered in our sanctuary. You are all an integral part of this community. Thank you for being here.

Wifi password - Knox Guest\$2021

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the TsuuT'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta. The presence of the Treaty 7 flag reminds us of our treaty commitments and relationships.

All are welcome in our faith community, regardless of age, colour, ethnic, religious or linguistic background, gender, gender identity, social or economic circumstances, sexual orientation and physical or mental capabilities. Knox has been a proud member of Affirm United since 2007. We proudly display the Progress Pride flag.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE “Veni Sancte Spiritus” (Come, Holy Spirit)

- chant sung by choir
- organ solo arr. John Cook

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** “Let Us Build a House” MV 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A wind is stirring.

All: Awaken and renew us!

One: God's spirit brings new energy.

All: Awaken and renew us!

One: The spirit comes to give us life.

All: **Come, holy spirit come, enliven us again.**

Let us pray.

Holy comforter, advocate, spirit, wind - your names are endless. In our exhaustion, in our discomfort, in our need, you are present with us. Enliven us today. Give us energy and new life with your presence. Come, holy spirit, come. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Dance with the Spirit

Dance with the spi - rit ear - ly in the morn - ing, —

Walk with the spi - rit through - out the long day. **Work and hope** for a

new life a - born - in'; **Lis - ten** to the spir - it to show you the way.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-22

CHOIR ANTHEM The Flame

Music: David Lantz III; Words: Susan Bentall Boersma
David Westwick, mandolin

*Holy spirit, burning with a love divine; tongues of fire shattered darkness when You came.
Holy Spirit, rushing wind and holy fire, light my heart with the pow'r of Your name.
Like a moth drawn to the candle, Spirit, draw me to Your fire. Lift my wings and let me fly. Lift
my wings and let me fly. Let me fly closer to the flame.
Draw me closer to the flame, ever closer to the flame.*

*Holy Spirit, with Your purifying blaze, kindle my soul, and draw me closer to the flame.
Like a moth drawn to the candle, Spirit, draw me to Your fire. Lift my wings and let me fly. Lift
my wings and let me fly. Lift my wings and let me fly. Let me fly closer to the flame.
Draw me closer to the flame, ever closer to the flame.*

Holy Spirit, draw me closer to the flame, ever closer to the flame.

REFLECTION "Blustery Conditions Ahead" Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

***HYMN "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV 79**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER - sung (*purple music sheets available in pews*)

Cantor: Heavenly Father, All: Heavenly Father,
Cantor: Heavenly Mother, All: Heavenly Mother,

**(ALL) Holy and blest is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one,
Let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.**

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.

Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come;
Come swiftly, Mother, Father come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy,
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy.
Forever your name is all in one; Forever your name is all in one.

A — men, A — men, A — men.

CANDLELIGHTING AND OFFERING

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Trinitas, Mvt I. ‘And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.’
– Eleanor Daley (Canadian)

***CLOSING HYMN “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” MV 150**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Trinitas, Mvt III. ‘And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.’
– Eleanor Daley (Canadian)

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***Thank you for spending time in community worship at Knox United Church, Calgary.
May you feel God’s peace, care, energy, and blessing
within you and around you this coming week.***

Please stay for coffee, tea, and conversation!

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretakers)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operators)	Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operators)	Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Please see below for a longer description of some of these events.

Sunday, May 28 @ 11:45 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Monday, May 29 @ 7:00 pm	Learning: Living into our Commitments	On Zoom
Wednesday, May 31 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, June 1 @ 7:00 pm	Meeting: Affirming Ministries at Knox	Zoom (info below)
Sunday, June 4 @ 11:45 pm	Luncheon: Bratwurst and Desserts	Garden

MINISTRY & WORSHIP

TODAY Congregational Meeting, 11:30 am A Congregational Meeting will be held to celebrate all we have accomplished this year, and to vote on the continuation of Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis' appointment to Knox. All are invited to attend this special meeting.

NEXT THURSDAY Affirming Ministries Meeting, June 1, 2023, 7:00 pm (on zoom) If you are interested in the future of the Affirming Ministries at Knox United, please plan to attend this meeting. We will talk about future plans, Affirming Leader's Day and more. Please email strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com for the zoom link.

WEEKLY Connection and Reflection (Wednesday Worship):

12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room Join us for a time of reflection and conversation. Held in the beautiful Labyrinth Room, framed with music, readings, and a time for silence and quiet reflection, we will come together to listen, to talk, and to be in community together. All are welcome.

WEEKLY New Sermon Series: Short Stories by Jesus Starting June 4, for six weeks, our themes and reflections will draw heavily from scholar Amy-Jill Levine and her book, "Short Stories by Jesus." Amy-Jill Levine is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. Each week we will look at a different parable (stories Jesus told to make a point) and what it might be inviting us into today.

NEEDED Scripture Readers and Land Acknowledgement We are looking for a cross-section of people from across our congregation to read scripture on Sunday mornings and to do our land acknowledgement. No previous experience is necessary - all readings are assigned ahead of time.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

NEXT SUNDAY Bratwurst Luncheon, June 4, 11:45 am A Bratwurst feast will be held on Sunday, June 4. Everyone is invited to stay after the worship service and enjoy lunch in the garden. You are invited to bring a dessert to share.

MONTHLY Discover Knox Our monthly informational tour will not be held in May. We encourage all to attend our congregational meeting, May 28 at 11:45 am. Our next tour and information session will be on June 25.

NEEDED Opening up the Sanctuary - Volunteers Needed We want to rebuild our presence as a church in downtown Calgary by opening the sanctuary and labyrinth for those seeking a quiet space during the week. We're looking for volunteer hosts who can open the 6th Avenue doors and stay to greet visitors for a couple of hours (schedule TBD). We're initially targeting Tuesday at lunchtime but would appreciate volunteer hosts any weekday between 10 am and 2 pm. This is an important and rewarding way to engage in the life and work of our church. If you would like to inquire about this project, contact Doug Chandler (dchandler1@shaw.ca) or email the church office (office@kxcalgary.com).

NEEDED Garage Sale - Jewels for Jesus We are having a fundraising garage sale so are looking for donations. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them outside the office and we will store them until we are ready to set a date.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & GROW

COURSE & WEEKLY DISCUSSION: Truth and Reconciliation: Living into our Commitments

Indigenous Canada Course: As part of our continuation of the work of living into truth and reconciliation action, we invite you to take the **free Indigenous Canada course** through the University of Alberta. This is offered as an **on-line 12-lesson course** that you do at your own pace. It is taught from an Indigenous perspective and explores complex experiences Indigenous peoples face today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>

Plus - Weekly Zoom Discussions: Our final conversation will be Monday, May 29, from 7-8 pm. If you would like to receive the zoom link, email strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

NEEDED: Participants for Healing Touch - Resurrecting our Healing Ministry

Knox Healing Ministry had been active here for over 20 years but was stopped by the pandemic. Our team offered healing sessions to the congregation and others. We have had more than 10 members at times in the past, but no one is giving treatments now. There has been interest in resurrecting our healing ministry.

What happens during a healing session? In theory, a healing practitioner uses various techniques to clear or otherwise affect the energy field of the recipient. A description which reflects the spiritual experience, voiced many years ago by Gladys Lane, is that it is like “being inside a prayer”.

In order to begin again, **we need to know the answer to these two questions:**

(a) Would you like to receive a healing session?

(b) Would you be interested in attending a weekend course to learn the basics of energetic healing, the point of entry to being a member of our healing team

Please contact Elizabeth Campbell or Ricardo Moraes-Pinto through Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

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